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FROM MADRAS MARCH 5TH RPTD TO YOU

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SUBJECT: ALL OUTSTANDING LABOR DISPUTES SETTLED
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1. AS REPORTED IN THE HINDU AND INDIAN EXPRESS MADRAS
EDITION, MARCH 5, THE SECRETARY GOTN LABOR DEPARTMENT
AND THE GOTN LABOR COMMISSIONER STATED THAT ALL OUT-
STANDING LABOR DISPUTES IN TAMIL NADU HAVE BEEN
SETTLED, THE LAST BEING THE LIFTING OF THE MRF LOCK-
OUT REPORTED IN REFTEL. THEY STATED THAT ON JANUARY
31, WHEN PRESIDENT'S RULE WAS IMPOSED, THERE EXISTED
IN TAMIL NADU 17 WORK STOPPAGES, 14 STRIKES, AND 3
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LOCK-OUTS, AFFECTING A TOTAL OF 24,000 WORKERS. THESE

HAVE ALL BEEN SETTLED AS A RESULT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOTN LABOR DEPARTMENT. THER CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS NOW NO DISPUTE IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, A SITUATION THAT THEY COULD NOT RECALL EVER HAVING EXISTED IN THE PAST. THESE DISPUTES RELATED TO WAGES, DONUSES AND RETRENCHMENT.

2. COMMENT: THE FOUR PLANTS OF MADURA COATS INVOLVING 18,000 TEXTILE WORKERS, THE MRF PLANT INVOLVING 1,500 WORKERS, AND SAKTHI TEXTILES WITH ANOTHER 1,000 WORKERS ACCOUNT FOR THE BULK OF THE WORKERS WHO HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY THESE DISPUTES. WHILE IT COULD NOT BE SAID THAT ALL LABOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED IN TAMIL NADU, PROBABLY IT IS ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THERE ARE NO PLANTS AFFECTED BY WORK STOPPAGES AS A RESULT OF LABOR DISPUTES AT THIS TIME. MCCASKILL

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